GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3985
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
AMENDMENT TO ELECTORAL LAWS
VIRENDRA KUMAR

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to make further amendment to Electoral Laws particularly with regard to Bye-poll and also election to Rajya Sabha;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): The Government has introduced in Rajya Sabha on 5.12.2001, the Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2001 seeking to substitute open ballot system in place of the existing secret ballot system in elections to the Council of States and to do away with the requirement of residence of a particular State/Union territory for contesting election to the Council of States from that State/Union territory.